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Date: 9/27/2018 5:43:29 PM
Subject: FW: Involvement with the Shelby County Youth Assessment Center

Hi Bill,

I wish you had told me you were planning to highlight this in your newsletter. I received 2 calls and numerous emails earlier today about it but had no idea until I saw this where they got the information.

You may not be aware, but we still do not have a signed contract and the 'opening' you highlighted was done for the sole purpose of honoring Mayor Luttrell's strong support for the project during his administration. We deliberately had no publicity associated with the event in hopes of avoiding this kind of premature response before we had a chance to prepare a press release and schedule some time for sharing our intent and plans for implementation. You know better than most the challenges we will face bringing this forward given the past concerns and possible future challenges in the new election climate based on our recent experience with community members who strongly oppose this initiative.

By publishing this even with the factual info that is included, you have placed me in the position of being asked questions that I simply cannot answer since we have no formal arrangement with the County regarding providing this service. And now the door has been opened for those in key positions of government who have yet to be briefed on the project to perhaps feel blindsided and create further delays which may complicate Dorcas' life unless she's had a chance to brief the administration and prepare them for any questions that may come. I know that Mayor Harris by his position is now a member of the Crime Commission so perhaps you have gotten his seal of approval and I am unaware. But unless that is the case or you have information of which I am unaware about this being a 'slam dunk' through the County approval process, I would appreciate if we could agree that until there is a signed contract and the current Mayor and County Commissioners (several of whom are on record not supporting this) are properly briefed by me and/or Dorcas about the status of the agreement (or you if you have the access to do so) about the actual program model and timeline for opening, that you will not write or speak about it without my knowledge. I hope to be before the commission within a couple of weeks and it would be great to not have to start my conversation with them by answering unnecessary questions based on an interpretation of the facts by some that we both know are still not in support of this project.

I know you are excited, I am too, that this idea may finally become a reality but please do not continue to promote it like this. If you have up to date information that would give me some comfort that I won't have to undo any misinformation the Mayor or commissioners may have regarding our year long efforts to add a positive component to our juvenile justice continuum please, do let me know. Thanks so much, I know your heart is in the right place and I do appreciate your enthusiasm.

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Hello Ms. Gonzalez,

In response to your request to be involved, the UTHSC Center for Health in Justice Involved Youth has agreed to provide administration and oversight for the proposed assessment center, under the direction of Dr. Altha Stewart. I am copying Dr. Stewart on this email so that she will be aware of your interest and that you can contact her directly.

Many thanks for your email and your interest and willing to be involved with our youth?

Linda



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Subject: Re: REPORTED GUN CRIMES DOWN SIGNIFICANTLY DURING FIRST HALF OF YEAR

How can I be involved?

I volunteer at 201 Annex and jail east and was forever on JDAI and a probation officer for many years "and am chaplain of Juvenile Court and MPD North Main Precinct (and a CIT officer) and fight for this youth. I'm an Anglican/Episcopal priest and was the only volunteer in all the prisons of Uruguay for 20 years!!! My cell is- 901-2883856
I get down and work with, invest in and love each one of our incarcerated youth. Ask Debra Fessenben, Joyce Anderson and Judge Dan Michaels!

"the Rev"

Audrey Taylor Gonzalez

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 27, 2018, at 11:51 AM, Memphis Shelby Crime Commission <lrussell@memphiscrime.org> wrote:



*SURVEY ON LEVEL OF COMMUNITY
SATISFACTION WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT*

As part of the community-wide *Operation: Safe Community* plan, from time to time, we conduct this brief online survey to measure the current level of community satisfaction with law enforcement. Results will be published in a future newsletter, along with a demographic breakdown of respondents.

Please take a few minutes to complete the survey and submit your responses.

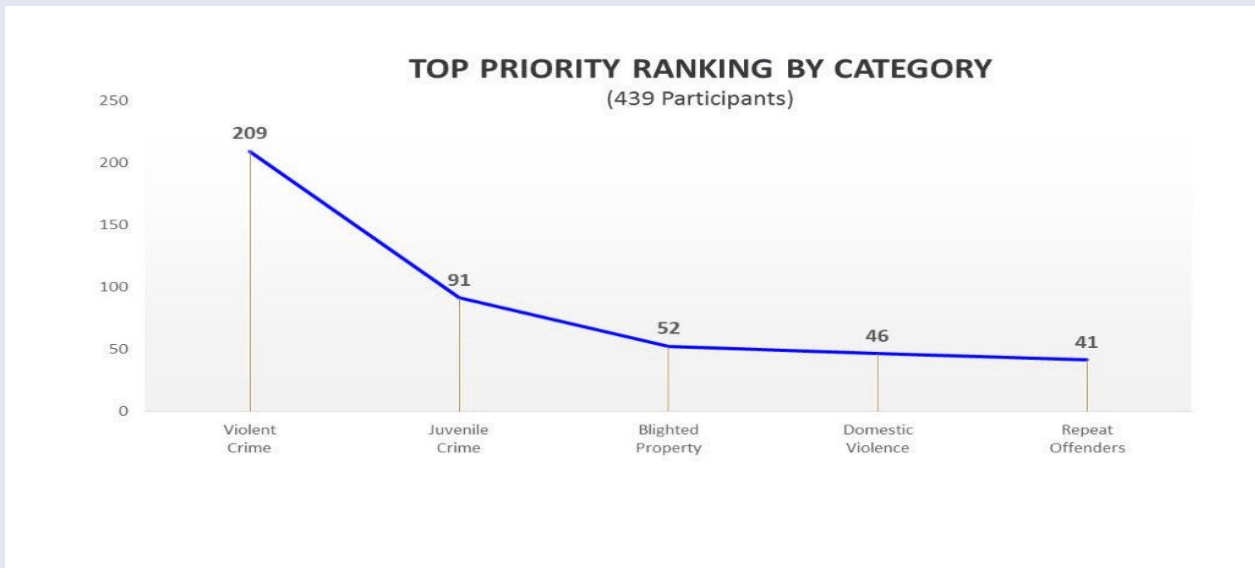
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Bill Gibbons
President
Memphis Shelby Crime Commission

PUBLIC SAFETY CONCERNS

As Crime Commission officials speak to groups throughout the community, we ask those in attendance to take a few minutes to complete a simple survey, ranking five areas of public safety concern in order of priority. We collect the completed surveys on the spot. This is **NOT** a professionally conducted survey but rather is designed to give us some sense of people's concerns.

Below is a chart indicating a breakdown of top concerns by 439 participants at various community gatherings in recent months. The number one concern cited by the 439 participants (209 out of 439) was violent crime. The second largest concern was juvenile crime (91 out of 439).

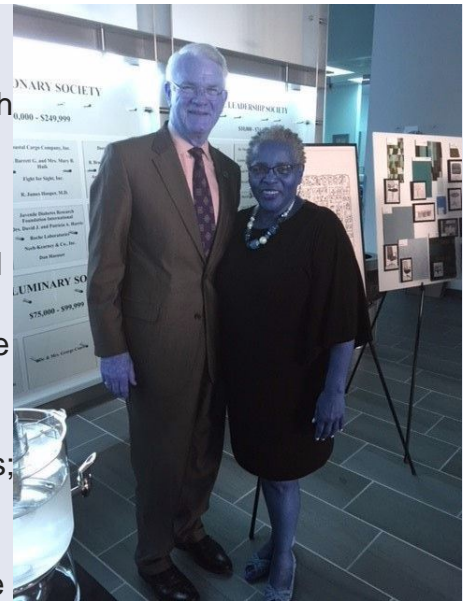


The UTHSC Center for Health in Justice Involved Youth Prepares for the Shelby County Youth Assessment Center

On August 22nd the "First Showing" of the youth assessment center was held to display the hard work of key stakeholders in moving toward the opening of the center in the near future. The group has been working for over a year on a plan to develop a youth assessment center in Shelby County with the full support of former Shelby County Mayor Mark Luttrell. Under an arrangement with Shelby County, the UTHSC Center for Health in Justice Involved Youth has agreed to provide administration and oversight for the proposed assessment center, under the direction of Dr. Altha Stewart.

Establishment of the center is a key objective of the Operation: Safe Community plan. Over 40 percent of youth coming through the Juvenile Court system are repeat offenders. The center is designed to break the cycle of delinquent behavior by more effectively addressing needs and challenges on the front end.

The center design follows models used for juvenile diversion programming in areas that are demographically similar to Memphis/Shelby County with the aims of providing needed services and reducing crime. Youth may voluntarily come for assessment upon referral by family or school, or with law enforcement escort but will have no contact with the formal juvenile justice system. The center is also designed to be restraint free with the primary goals of: 1) to diverting as many youth as possible, consistent with public safety; 2) increasing effectiveness in the use of limited community resources; and 3) serving as a resource to facilitate better relationships among youth, families, the community, agencies serving youth, and various components of the juvenile justice system.



Pictured from left to right former Shelby County Mayor Mark Luttrell and Director of the UTHSC Center for Health in Justice Involved Youth, Dr. Altha Stewart .

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